

# Recording Piping Plover Bands



Band combinations should be recorded from left to right starting with the upper left (UL) and ending with the lower right (LR). Use a comma to separate bands on the upper and lower legs and a colon to separate legs.

## Breeding Population Markers and Banding Projects:

**Orange flag:** Great Lakes US

**Black flag:** Northern Great Plains (NGP) Canada

**Green flag:** NGP US, MO River

**Green flag** on upper leg and **yellow** band over **dark blue** band on lower leg: SC (banded on wintering grounds)

**Green flag** on upper leg and **yellow** band over **dark green** band on lower leg: GA (banded on wintering grounds)

**Light blue flag:** NGP US, Platte River

**Yellow** or **red flag:** NGP US, Lake Sakakawea

**Black flag** on upper leg and white band on lower leg: Bahamas (banded on wintering grounds, likely breeds in Atlantic US or Canada)

Photo: Sidney Maddock

**This band combination would be recorded as:** metal (UL), dark blue (LL): black flag (UR), red over black (LR) or abbreviated as X,B:Lf,RL

See example USFWS datasheet for band color abbreviations or example USFWS spreadsheet for recording band combinations.

[http://www.fws.gov/charleston/Piping\\_Plover.html](http://www.fws.gov/charleston/Piping_Plover.html)